

The Arts Insider

May 2013

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Charles County Arts Alliance Celebrates the Arts at Annual Membership Meeting and "Meet the Artists" Reception!



Waldorf West Gallery a Perfect Setting for Year-End Event

On Saturday, May 4, 2013, the Charles County Arts Alliance (CCAA) hosted its Annual Membership Meeting and Reception at the new, beautiful Waldorf West Library Gallery. It was a perfect setting for a fabulous event celebrating the conclusion of another highly successful year for the CCAA – our best year yet in our 25-year history!

The event opened with social time, with mixing and mingling among members. CCAA Office Manager Judy Crawford greeted members upon arrival, and shortly thereafter, the annual business meeting was called to order by CCAA President Diane Rausch. She welcomed members and special guests, and introduced Emily Ferren, Director of the Charles County Public Library (CCPL). Emily welcomed attendees to Waldorf West, and thanked the CCAA for its initiative and wonderful partnership that developed the four active art gallery spaces there. Emily, the CCPL Board of Trustees, and Waldorf West Branch Manager Janet Salazar then presented the CCAA with a special Certificate of Appreciation that read:

"In recognition of their inspiration and dedication to sponsor public art at the Waldorf West branch of the Charles County Public Library. Thank you for making a difference."

Invited guest Pamela Dunne, Program Director for Community Arts Development, Maryland State Arts Council (MSAC) brought greetings from the MSAC in Baltimore. She announced the outstanding news that the Maryland General Assembly and Governor O'Malley had increased the FY 2014 budget for the MSAC by \$2,000,000 (15%), and thanked the CCAA for its advocacy of the arts at the state level.

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President's Letter

Dear Members and Friends,

Spring has definitely sprung, and an explosion of color has arrived all around us! Bright multi-colored tulips and azaleas, lush green lawns, clear blue skies – it is just wonderful to behold!

For the CCAA, there is an explosion of arts activities going on right now as well – we are in prime time! Over the past month, we have been focused on a number of key programs, projects and plans:

- *Celebrate La Plata Day* – held April 27, at the La Plata Town Hall.
- *CCAA Annual Membership Meeting & “Meet the Artists” Reception* – held May 4 at the Waldorf West Library
- *Charles County Annual Senior Art Competition* – held May 8 at the Clark Senior Center
- *ArtsFest 2013* – to be held June 8 at the La Plata Town Hall
- *Arts Scholarships* – presenting \$1000 scholarships in May-June at each high school and CSM
- *Waldorf West Library Gallery* – our current “call for artists” for our third exhibit this summer

So much to do, and so little time! Our CCAA fiscal year is coming to an end on June 30, but as always, there is a flurry of actions and activities that lie ahead for us – there is no time to rest on our laurels, there is much work to do!

We had a truly wonderful time last Saturday, May 4, at Waldorf West Library at our *CCAA Annual Membership Meeting & “Meet the Artists” Reception*. We actually combined two events into one: our annual business meeting and our first CCAA-sponsored public reception at Waldorf West for the 21 fine artists on display. It was a great success, and was very well-attended. Our cover story this month describes the event in detail.

Thanks again to our special invited guests: Pamela Dunne, Maryland State Arts Council, and Emily Ferren, Janet Salazar, and the Board of Trustees for the Charles County Public Library, for joining us and making our day so very special! And thanks again to all the CCAA Board members, Judy Crawford, Cindi Barnhart and Sally Hopp for a great team effort that day! In addition, my gratitude goes to Jennifer Pinto for once again producing such beautiful invitations and our printed programs.

Last Wednesday, May 8, Gale Kladitis and Judy Crawford attended the Award Ceremony for the *Charles County Annual Senior Art Competition* at the Richard R. Clark Senior Center in La Plata. It was an outstanding event, and we were honored to be invited to provide remarks from the podium. Gale expressed our appreciation to all the participating artists for their talent and creativity that they so willingly share with the citizens of Charles County. She presented CCAA Honorary Memberships to the “Best in Category” and “Best in Show” winners. It was a delightful day for the arts in our county.

Looking ahead, *ArtsFest 2013* is coming very soon! We are only one-month away from the big day, our “grand finale” of our year, on Saturday, June 8, from 12:00 – 6:00 pm (new time). Our ArtsFest Committee is chaired by Bill Adams, and co-chairs are Cindy Johnson and Bob Rausch. They are extremely busy with all the final preparations, working closely with the Town of La Plata. This will be our 21st annual arts festival, the largest outdoor arts festival in Charles County. Last year over 2,000 people attended, and we expect even more this year. It promises to be the best one yet. Please mark your calendars for June 8. See you there!

Read all about it and more in this issue of the *Arts Insider*. Thanks so much for your continuing support!

Diane

Diane Rausch
President, Charles County Arts Alliance

ArtsFest 2013 is Coming!



**Saturday, June 8, 2013
12:00 noon - 6:00 pm
La Plata Town Hall**

**Registration Deadline Extended!
\$10 Late Fee After May 10**

The Charles County Arts Alliance (CCAA) will hold ArtsFest 2013 on Saturday, June 8, 2013, from 12:00 noon - 6:00 pm, at the La Plata Town Hall! Now in its 21st year, this annual countywide outdoor event celebrates ALL the arts in Charles County: music, visual art, drama, dance and literature. ArtsFest returns to La Plata this year and will once again bring the festivities to the lawn surrounding the beautiful La Plata Town Hall. Previous ArtsFests have been held in Indian Head, Cobb Island and Waldorf.

It's not too late to register for ArtsFest 2013! Please join us for the largest outdoor arts festival in Charles County. Last year over 2,000 citizens attended ArtsFest, and this year promises to be even bigger and better! We are pleased to announce we have extended the deadline for artists and exhibitors. After May 10, a late registration fee of \$10 is required. The booth registration form is located at our website: www.charlescountyarts.org.

Visual artists of all media are invited to sell artworks on the lawn at ArtsFest 2013. In addition, arts organizations are invited as exhibitors to display information and encourage participation in their performing, visual and literary arts activities. Also invited as exhibitors are historical, heritage, multicultural and environmental organizations.

ArtsFest 2013 is the Art Alliance's "free gift" to the citizens of Charles County and Southern Maryland. There is no charge to the public to attend. Food and refreshments will be available for purchase throughout the day.

Last year's ArtsFest showcased over 60 artists and exhibitors at the La Plata Town Hall, along with musical and dance entertainment at several locations on the lawn. ArtsFest 2013 promises to be even more spectacular, with several special events taking place throughout the day.

Please save the date and mark your calendars for ArtsFest 2013 on Saturday, June 8!

Arts Alliance “Call for Artists” Extended



Next Waldorf West Library Gallery Exhibit to Feature Horticulture Theme

Submission Deadline Extended to May 20!

You still have time to submit your artwork! Computer issues delayed on-line submission, so the date has been extended to May 20, 2013.

We are pleased to announce the third public art exhibit at the new Waldorf West Library. This multimedia exhibit will be held from July 2 - September 30, 2013. The Waldorf West Library Gallery consists of four separate gallery spaces on two floors.

The upcoming show will center around a horticultural theme. According to Webster's Dictionary, "horticulture" is the art and science of growing fruits, vegetables, flowers, or ornamental plants. This upcoming art exhibit seeks to explore the breadth and depth of nature's bounty and beauty in Charles County. Charles County's heritage has rural roots, with traditional farming a focal point of the local economy. In addition, gardening is the number-one hobby today in the United States, and is increasing in popularity every year.

Local artists are invited to submit a maximum of two artworks to the Charles County Arts Alliance for consideration (there is no submission fee). Artwork entries must be submitted electronically as low-resolution digital images (jpegs) attached to an email sent to waldorfwestgallery@gmail.com. Entries should include artist's name, title of artwork, medium/materials used, size/dimension, year created, and price if applicable. Artists who have previously shown in the gallery are invited to submit new work for consideration. For more information on the Waldorf West Gallery, the Charles County Arts Alliance and joining its membership, visit the website at www.charlescountyarts.org, or call 301-392-5900.

Pamela Dunne noted that the arts definitely benefit economic development for Maryland, but the most important reason to support the arts is "because it improves our quality of life." She congratulated the CCAA for its 25 years of successfully promoting the arts at the local and state levels.

Diane Rausch read a Proclamation from the Charles County Commissioners proclaiming Saturday, June 8, 2013, as "ArtsFest Day in Charles County." The following annual reports were given to the membership:



- President – Diane Rausch
- ArtsFest Committee – Bill Adams
- Budget and Finance Committee – Robert Rausch
- Education Committee – Kathleen Jenkins
- Events Committee – Roy Jenkins
- Gallery Committee – Gale Kladitis
- Membership Committee – Gale Kladitis
- Outreach and Marketing Committee – Lorina Harris

The following slate of proposed Officers and Directors were presented to the membership for approval for the FY 2014 – 2015 two-year term, and the elections/appointments passed unanimously:

- President – Robert Rausch
- Vice President – Gale Kladitis
- Secretary/Treasurer – Cindy Johnson
- Past President – Diane Rausch
- Director – Bill Adams
- Director – Lorina Harris
- Director – Kathleen Jenkins
- Director – Roy Jenkins
- Director – Amelia Jones
- Director – Rev. James Powell
- Director – Shane Seremet
- Director – Mark Walker

Congratulations to our new CCAA Board of Directors! They take office on July 1, 2013, and their term runs to June 30, 2015. A proposed CCAA Bylaws amendment

to establish the Gallery Committee as a new standing committee also passed unanimously by the membership.

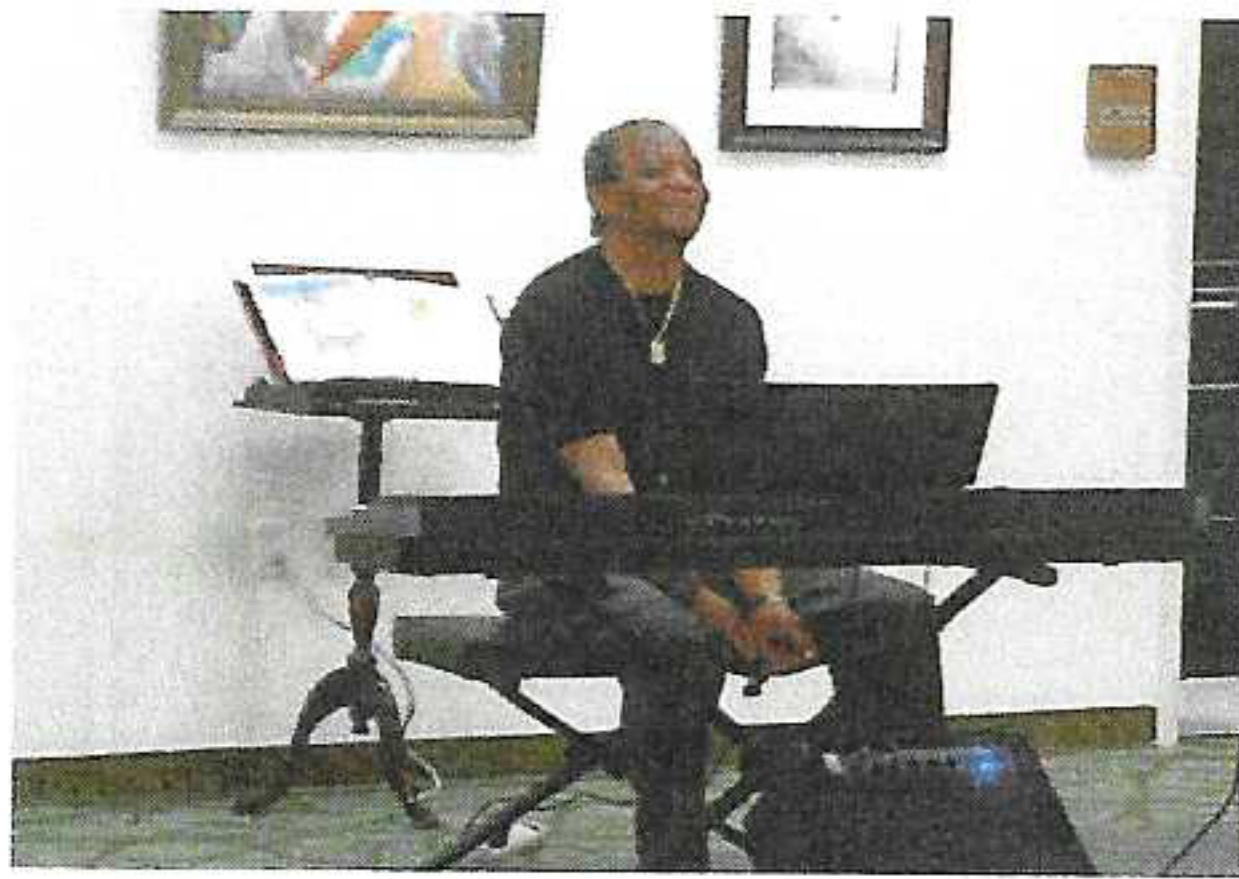
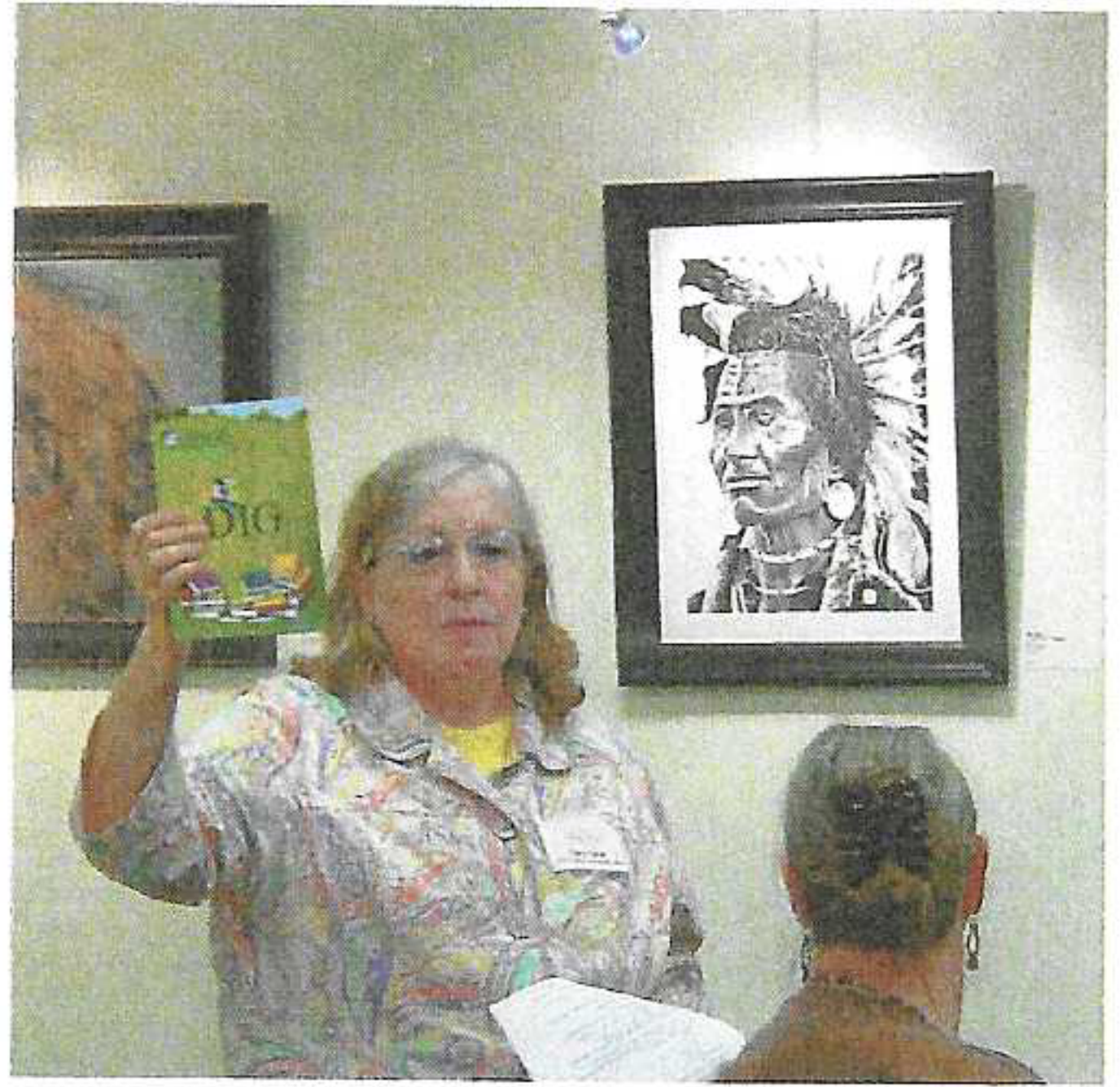
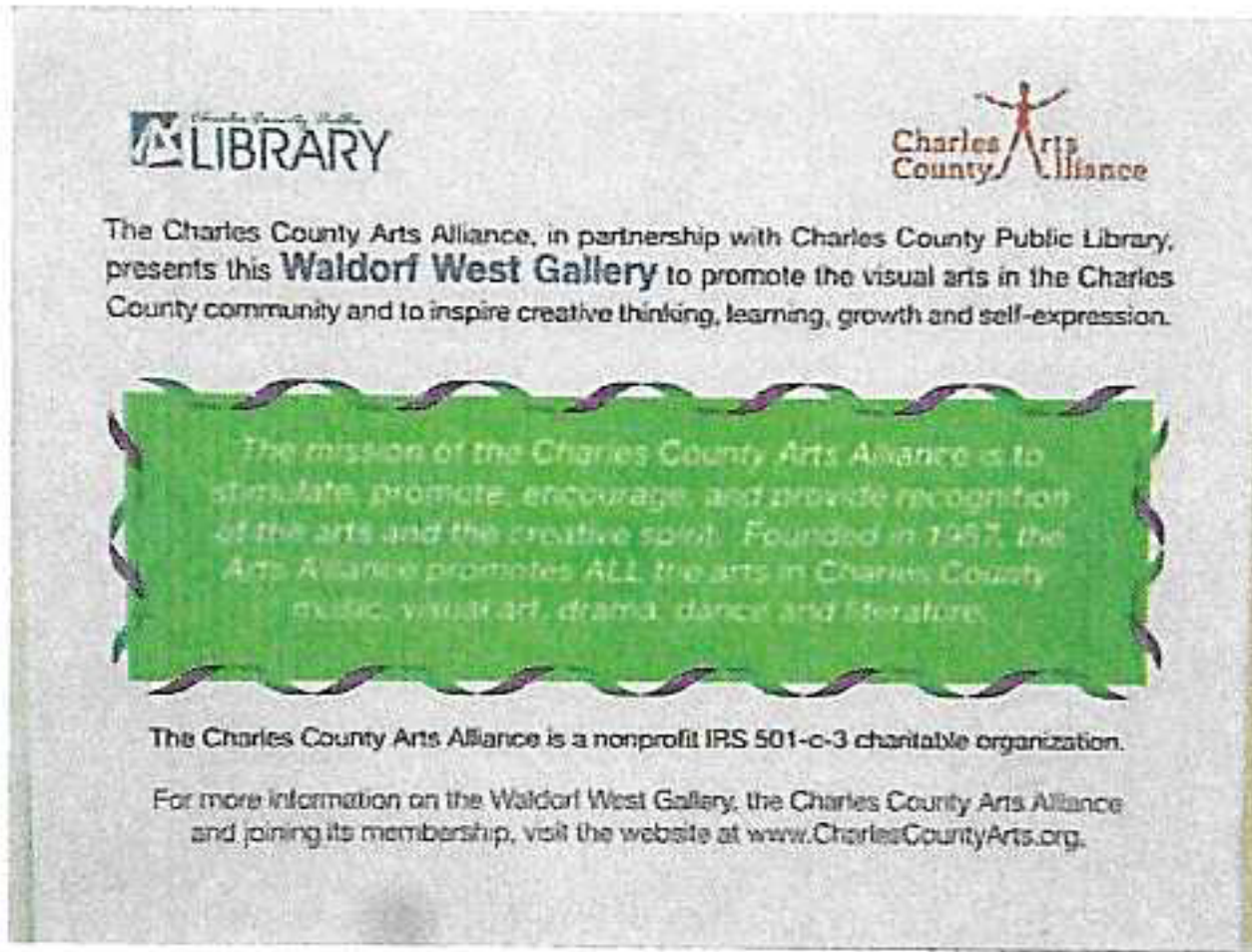
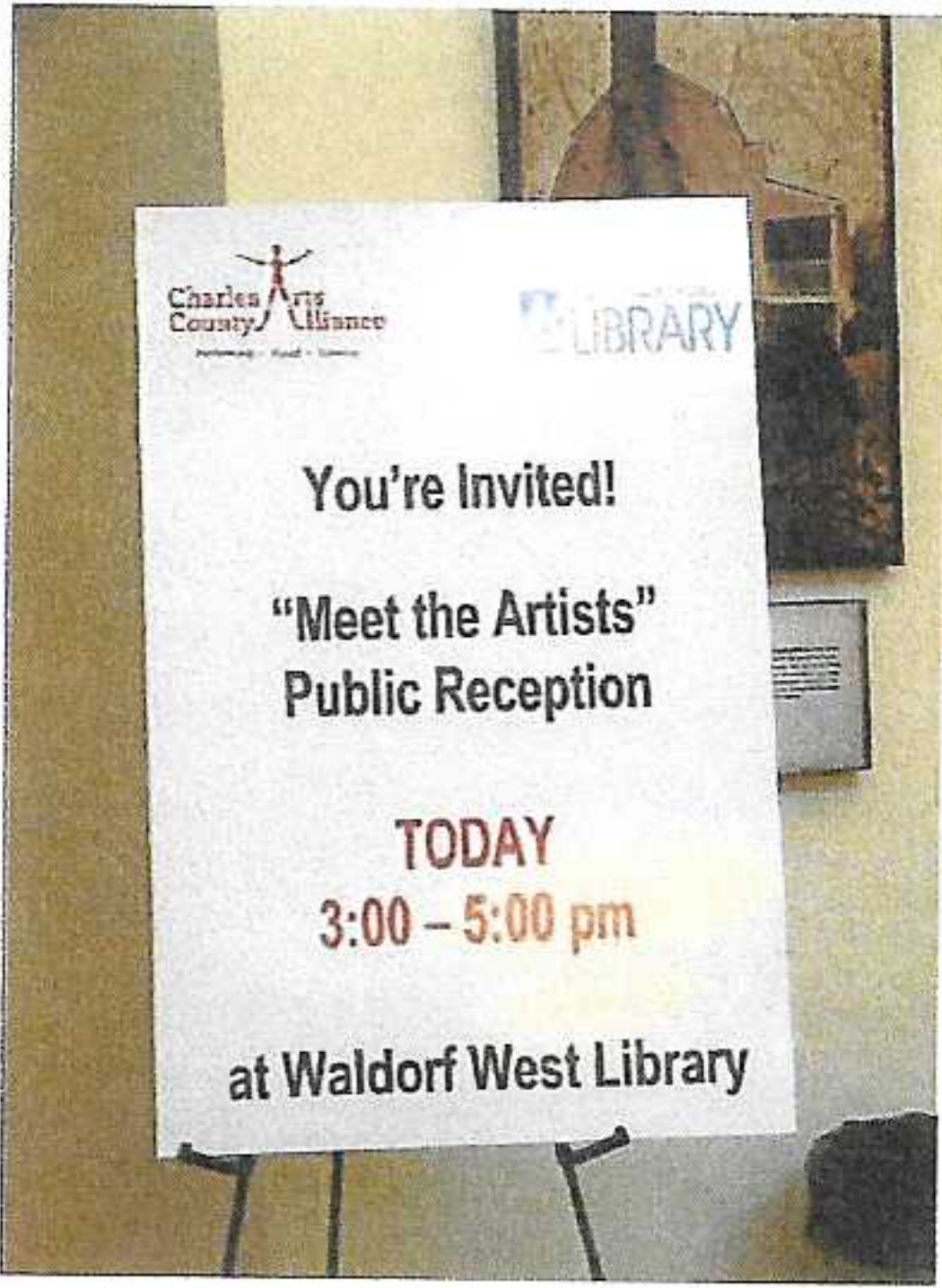
Gale Kladitis and Vicki Marckel of the Gallery Committee then introduced the 21 visual artists currently on display at the Waldorf West Gallery, and presented each artist with a CCAA Certificate of Artistic Merit. Roy Jenkins presented final acknowledgments, and the meeting adjourned.



The CCAA Annual Membership Meeting was followed by a lovely, lively "Meet the Artists" public reception featuring light refreshments and beverages, with piano music by Greg Nichols. Throughout the large multipurpose room, three large plasma TVs provided a continuous slide show of photographs of our fantastic past year's activities. Large centerpieces and sprays featuring magnolia leaves provided a gorgeous, natural ambiance. The beautiful "donation gift basket" (value \$400) was won by CCAA member Nikole Smith. Heartfelt thanks to Gale Kladitis for her catering services, magnolia decorations, and 1,100 photos; and thanks to Gale and Diane Rausch for their generous gift basket donations. Thanks to all the CCAA Board members for a great team effort. And thanks to you, our CCAA members, for joining us at Waldorf West Library, and for your continued support of our nonprofit organization.

It was a truly special day for celebrating the arts and a truly fantastic past year, our 25th Anniversary Year, for the Charles County Arts Alliance – a year we will always remember!





Charles County Arts Alliance to Announce Winners of the 2013 Arts Scholarship Program

Announcements Coming Late May/Early June

Graduation time is coming!

The Charles County Arts Alliance sponsors an Arts Scholarship Program, which awards a \$1000 scholarship to an outstanding graduate at each Charles County public high school and the College of Southern Maryland (CSM). The scholarships are designated for students planning to attend a four-year college or university in fall 2013, and majoring in the performing, visual or literary arts leading to a professional career in the arts.

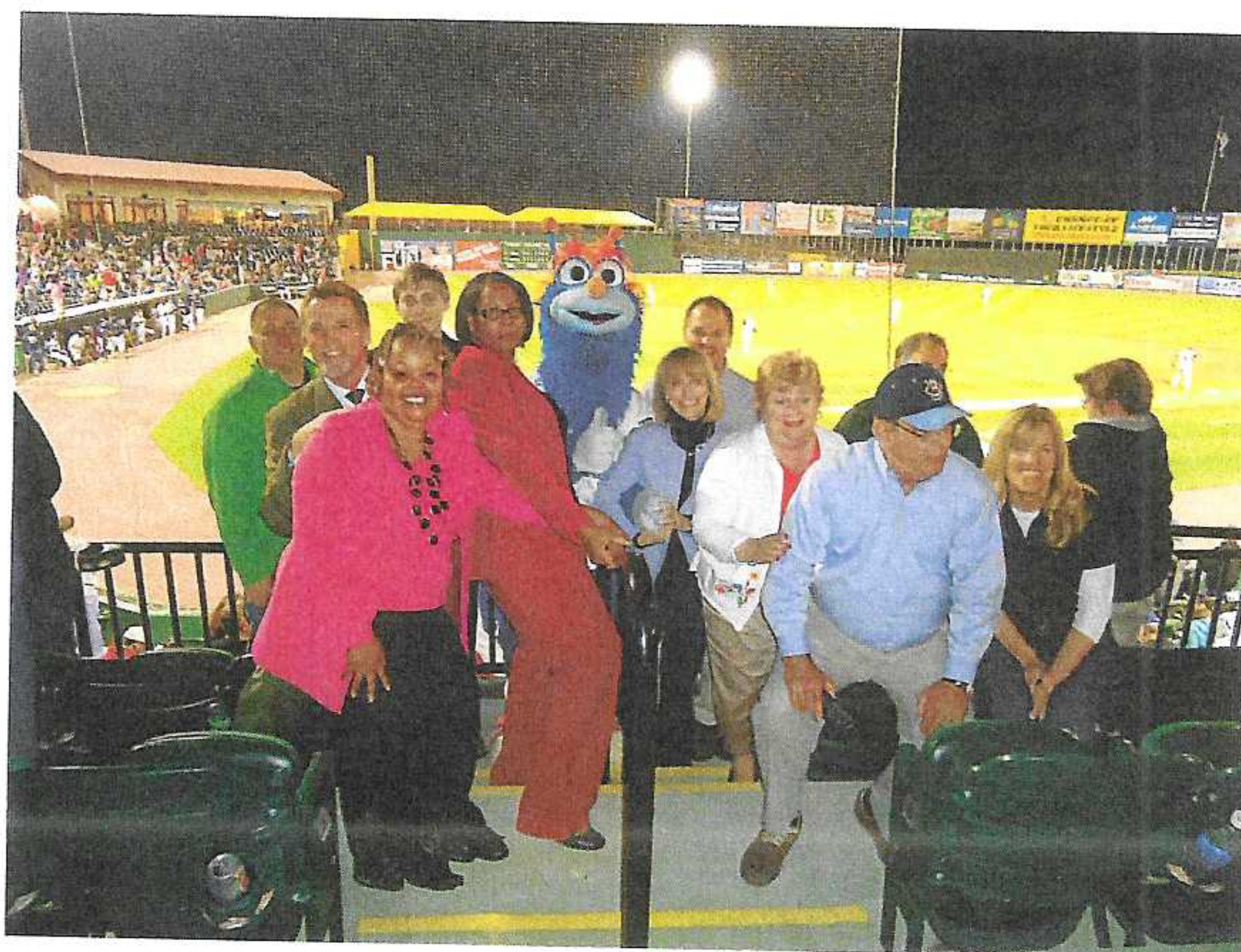
The Arts Alliance will publicly announce the winners of its annual Arts Scholarship Program, during the upcoming Senior Awards Nights at the county high schools in late May/early June. The CSM graduate recipient will be notified by letter.

The Alliance's Arts Scholarship Program commenced in 1999, and to date has supported the higher education academic pursuits of over 50 talented and creative Charles County students in music, visual art, drama, dance and literature.

CCAA Education Committee Chair Kathleen Jenkins stated, *"The Charles County Arts Alliance is very pleased that we can support those students who are interested in majoring in the arts at college. We believe that the arts are an important aspect of culture and society, and they contribute to both community pride and economic well-being. By supporting these students and funding other local arts programs, we support our communities."*



Charles County Arts Alliance Invited to County Government Tourism Networking Event at Blue Crabs Baseball Game!



On Friday evening, April 26, 2013, the Charles County Arts Alliance was honored to join other tourism and hospitality industry groups for an informal networking event at the Southern Maryland Blue Crabs baseball game at Regency Furniture Stadium in Waldorf.

The invitation letter was signed by the five Charles County Commissioners, and the event was hosted by the Office of Tourism, Charles County Government. It provided a unique opportunity for CCAA President Diane Rausch and CCAA Board member Bob Rausch to meet other pro-tourism entities in the county for creative conversations exploring tourism opportunities, future collaborations and partnerships, and enhancing the quality of life in Charles County.

Among the attendees were County Administrator Mark Belton, Tourism Office representatives Catherine Carroll and Rachel Reynolds, representatives of Smallwood State Park/Maryland Department of Natural Resources, the Southern Maryland Agricultural Development Commission, the College of Southern Maryland Tourism and Hospitality Program, the Piscataway Indian Museum and Cultural Center, and others. The group was delighted to meet Blue Crabs General Manager Patrick Day and be visited by "Pinch" – the official mascot of the Southern Maryland Blue Crabs!

Even though our Blue Crabs lost the game that evening to the Somerset Patriots (5-8), the fireworks display immediately afterwards was fantastic, as always. Our sincere thanks to the Charles County Commissioners and the Office of Tourism for inviting us – it was a fun-filled evening with great networking!

Artists Showcase Creativity at Annual Senior Citizens' Arts Event



Charles County Arts Alliance was honored to partner with Charles County Department of Community Services again this year by taking part in the Charles County Annual Senior Arts Competition. This year's event took place on Wednesday, May 8, at the Richard R. Clark Senior Center in La Plata, with its annual awards ceremony in which Charles County's visual artists were recognized for their talent and creativity. The annual competition is an opportunity for Charles County's seasoned artists to shine and show off their beautiful artwork.

Arts Alliance Vice President Gale Kladitis was invited to provide opening remarks, and she took the opportunity to describe the mission and goals of the Charles County Arts Alliance and its role in promoting all the arts in Charles County: music, visual arts, drama, dance and literature. She congratulated all the artists on their creativity and willingness to share their artistry with the citizens of Charles County. In addition to first, second, and third place ribbons in each category, Charles County Arts Alliance awarded Honorary Memberships to the five "Best in Category" winners and one "Best in Show" winner. The Best in Show and Category winners are listed below:

- BEST IN SHOW: "Reflecting Hibiscus" by Nancy Owens
- OIL/ACRYLICS: Best in Category: "Reflecting Hibiscus" by Nancy Owens
- WATERCOLOR: Best in Category: "Lady" by Sandy Rohde
- OTHER MEDIA: Best in Category: "Landscape in Coffee" by Norita Park
- MIXED MEDIA: Best in Category: "Restful Retreat" by Mary Jenkins
- ORIGINAL ART: Best in Category: "Poppies" by Norma Baretincic



The "Best in Show" winner received a "Best in Show" ribbon, trophy, artist pin, \$25 Michaels arts and crafts store gift certificate, and a certificate and Honorary Membership from the Charles County Arts Alliance. "Best in Category" winners received a "Best in Category" ribbon, art key chain, \$10 Michaels gift certificate, in addition to the certificates and Honorary Memberships from the Charles County Arts Alliance. First place winners received first place ribbons and an artist pin. Second and third place winners received ribbons. The winning artwork is on display at the Richard R. Clark Senior Center until Friday, May 31.



Performing Arts

Chesapeake Choral Arts Society May 18 and 19, 2013



The Chesapeake Choral Arts Society in collaboration with COSMIC Symphony presents: A Night at the Opera (Great Opera Choruses and Overtures) with special guests the Schubert Singers, Southern Maryland's own Children's Chorus.

COSMIC and Chesapeake Choral Arts Society are once again joining forces for an outstanding concert of great Choral and Orchestral works. COSMIC, under the direction of Vladimir Lande, and Chesapeake Choral Arts Society under the direction of Michael K. Santana will present performances of many great (and familiar!) opera favorites. You will hear the Overture from *The Marriage of Figaro* and the Bridal Chorus from *Lohengrin* (yes, the one many of us walked down the aisle with!). You will recognize the Broadway Show *Kismet* in the Polovtsian Dances from *Prince Igor* and tap your toes to *Stomp Your Foot* from *The Tender Land*. The Schubert Singers will join us for the March of the Toreadors from *Carmen*.

The concerts will be held on two different days and in two different locations: Saturday, May 18, 2013, at 7:00 pm at Great Mills High School, 21130 Great Mills Rd., Great Mills, MD, and Sunday, May 19, 2013, at 3:30 pm at the College of Southern Maryland Fine Arts Center, 8730 Mitchell Road, La Plata, MD. Tickets for the Saturday evening concert in St. Mary's County are \$8 - \$10 and can be purchased at the door (cash/check only), or by calling 240-561-9799; proceeds from this performance will benefit COSMIC Symphony. Tickets for the Sunday afternoon performance in Charles County are \$12 - \$15 and can be purchased at the door (cash/check only), online at www.chesapeakechoral.com, or by calling 301-642-0594; proceeds from this performance benefit Chesapeake Choral Arts Society.

La Plata Town Hall Summer Concerts



Join us for the Friday night Summer Concert Series. The weekly concerts take place from 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm on the lawn at La Plata Town Hall at 305 Queen Anne Street. Concert goers are encouraged to bring blankets and lawn chairs for sitting. Coolers are allowed, but no alcohol, please. Concessions are available from the Town's food trailer located near the back of the parking lot, an ice cream truck is also stationed there for your enjoyment. A play area for children, the Kids' Zone, allows parents to enjoy the concert while keeping an eye on the little ones.

- May 24 - 25th Hour Band - Motown, Jazz, Classic & Contemporary Rock
- May 31 - Family Night - Performances from local groups - Port Tobacco Encore Kids, La Plata High School Show Troupe, and Island Music
- June 7 - John Luskey Band - Pop, Country & Rock
- June 14 - United States Air Force Band Max Impact - Classic/Contemporary Rock & Country
- June 21 - Four of a Kind - Oldies, Classic Rock, Country, Funk, & the Blues
- June 28 - US Navy Band Country Current - Country & Bluegrass

For further information, visit www.TownofLaPlata.org, or call Colleen Wilson, at 301-934-8421, ext. 142.

Musical Moments

An afternoon of Solo and Chamber Music
Sunday, June 9, 3:00 pm



Featuring the Fair Winds Quintet and Eileen Peerless on Piano.

Christ Church
112 E. Charles Street, La Plata, MD
Free Admission

Performing and Literary Arts

Sunset Concert Festival



May 17 - August 30

Fridays, 7:00 pm

O'Donnell Lake, St. Charles

Charles County's most popular outdoor concert series continues every Friday at 7:00 pm on stage at O'Donnell Lake in St. Charles.

May 17 - USN Cruisers, US Navy Rock Band

May 24 - USAF Max Impact, USAF Originals

May 31 - Anthony "Swampdog" Clark, Blues

June 7 - Sara Gray Band, Local Rising Star

June 14 - USN Country Current, Country, Bluegrass

June 21 - Sin Miedo (Steve Cavanaugh), Salsa

June 28 - WaCAHaSen, Jam Band

Free and open to the public. For more information, visit <http://www.stcharlesmd.com/summer-concert-series.html>.

College of Southern Maryland La Plata Campus Fine Arts Center



Two of a Kind,
Tuesday, May 14,
10:30 am

Award-Winning husband-wife duo, Two of a Kind presents a concert for preschoolers and elementary-age children.

Specializing in interactive music for children and families, their performance will highlight audience participation and varied musical styles, all with a sense of humor and fun. Preschools, schools, and families are welcome! Seniors will delight in the joy of the children's interaction. Tickets are \$5 for all ages. Reservations are encouraged. For more information, go to <http://csmd.edu/Arts/children> or www.twoofakind.com.

Chin Hamaya Culture Center

Grand Opening
Saturday, May 18

109 A Post Office Road

Waldorf, MD

(Next to Pump It Up)



Performance by Chin Hamaya Daiko at noon

Ribbing Cutting Ceremony at 1:00 pm

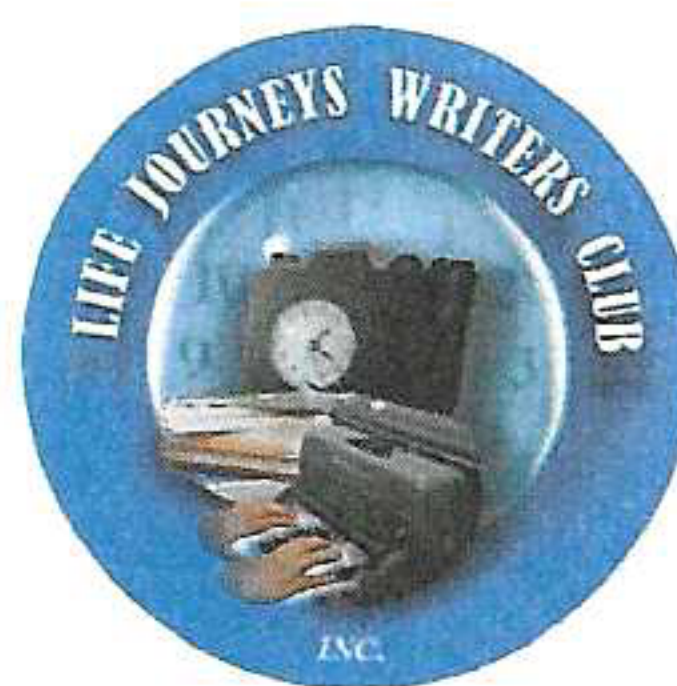
Cultural Demonstrations throughout the Day

Taiko Demonstration 5:00 - 6:00 pm

Teen Dance Party 7:00 - 10:30 pm

Chin Hamaya Culture Center is a nonprofit organization (pending) supporting the preservation and instruction of Okinawan and Japanese cultures; in the future to include other cultures around the world.

Write on Wednesdays -- with a Twist!



**Life Journeys
Writers Club**

May 15 - 22, 2013

Wednesdays, 5:00 - 7:30 pm

Waldorf West Library

June 1, 2012

Saturday, 10:00 am - 7:00 pm

Marriott's Residence Inn

Write on Wednesdays -- with a Twist! consists of three workshops led by local author/journalist Yvonne J. Medley on Wednesdays, May 15, 22, 5:00 - 7:30 pm at the Waldorf West Library. Write on Saturdays takes place, June 1 from 10:00 am - 7:00 pm at the Marriott's Residence Inn. It's fun, intense w/private editor consultations and there's food! Registration fee. There is limited space, so register early! For more information, visit www.yvonnejmedley.com or www.lifejourneyswritersclub.com

Literary Arts

Life Journeys Writers Club, Inc.



May 18, 2013

3:00 - 5:00 pm

Waldorf West Library

It's the Life Journeys Writers Club's Nuts and Bolts Gathering! Bring your works, your thoughts, your passion, and your valuable

input to our monthly gathering.

Experience rich critiques, industry tips, networking, refreshments, and more. Learn how you can become a vibrant part of the LJWC, a nonprofit organization. Come early to sign up to read.

For more information, visit www.lifejourneyswritersclub.com or call Yvonne Medley at 301-705-8972.

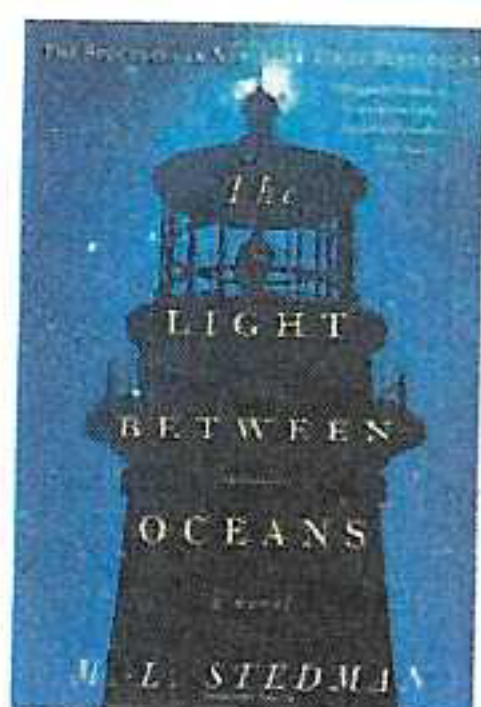
Book Discussion Groups



Every month Charles County Public Libraries offer book discussions for adults.

Anyone interested in joining may call 301-934-9001.

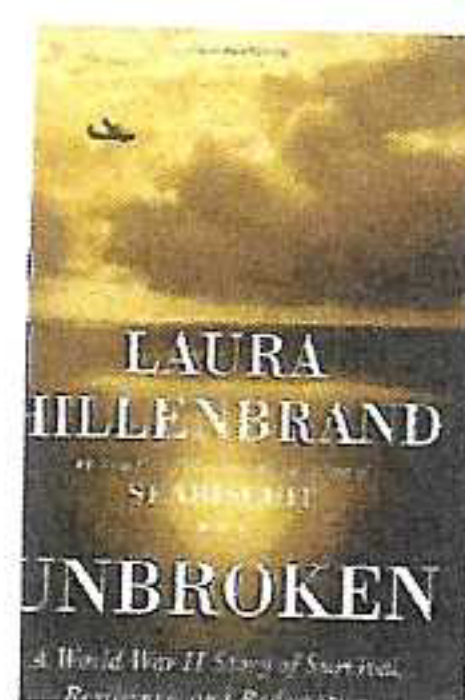
Indian Head Senior Center Book Discussion Group meets on the fourth Wednesday of every month from 11:00 am - 12:00 pm. For more information, contact Lena Cox at 301-375-7375.



May 22: *The Light Between Oceans* by M. L. Stedman. Lighthouse keeper Tom Sherbourne and his wife, Isabel, live in an isolated area of Australia. After years of grieving over their childlessness, a boat washes ashore with a dead man and a living baby. Isabel receives the baby as a "gift from God," and names the child Lucy, but Tom struggles with his moral

principles and wants to report the incident. When Lucy is two, Tom and Isabel return to the mainland and are reminded that there are other people in the world. Their choice has devastated one of them.

La Plata Book Discussion Group meets at 7:00 pm on the second Thursday of every month. Anyone interested in joining the group can call 301-934-9001 or email Phyllis Frere at pfrere@ccplonline.org for more information.

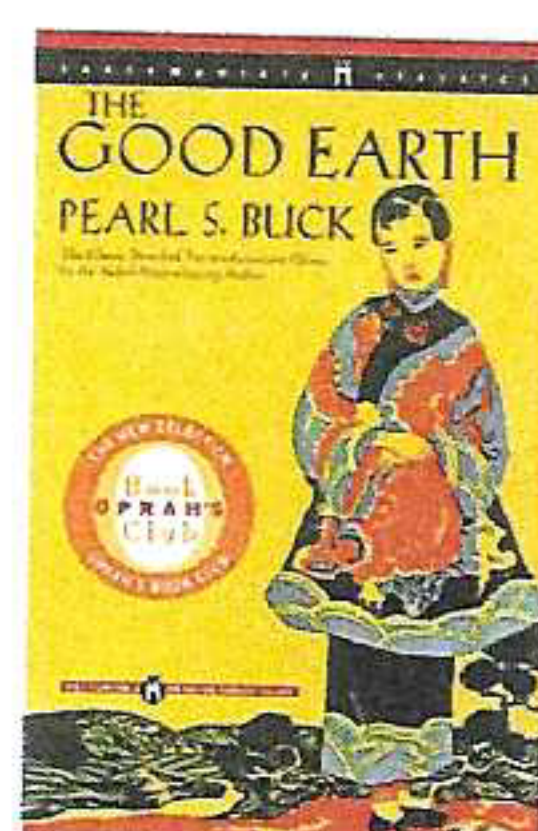


June 13: *Unbroken* by Laura Hillenbrand

On a May afternoon in 1943, an Army Air Forces bomber crashed into the Pacific Ocean and disappeared, leaving only a spray of debris and a slick of oil, gasoline, and blood.

Then, on the ocean surface, a face appeared. It was that of a young lieutenant, the plane's bombardier, who was struggling to a life raft and pulling himself aboard. So began one of the most extraordinary odysseys of the Second World War. This is the true story of Louis Zamperini, from his boyhood as a cunning and incorrigible delinquent, to channeling his defiance to become an Olympic runner, to his faith and fight for survival as a prisoner of war. Driven to the limits of endurance, Zamperini would answer desperation with ingenuity; suffering with hope, resolve, and humor; brutality with rebellion. His fate, whether triumph or tragedy, would be suspended on the fraying wire of his will.

Clark Center Book Discussion meets at 1:00 pm on the first Thursday of every month at the Clark Center. Anyone interested in joining the group can call 301-934-9001.

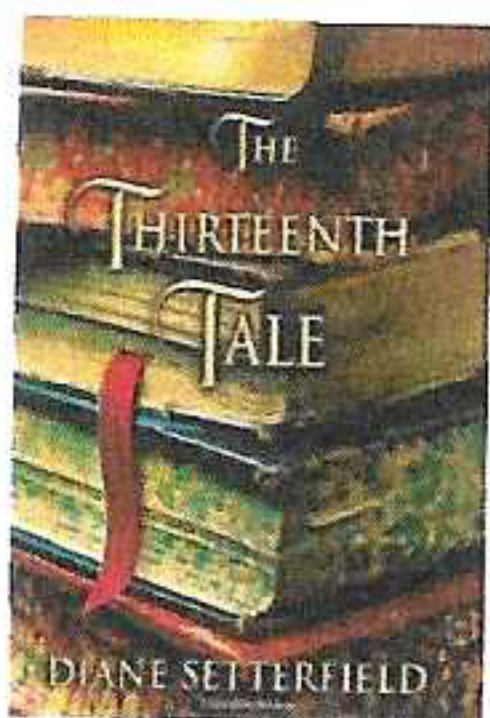


June 6: *The Good Earth* by Pearl S. Buck. In this 1931 Pulitzer prize winning novel, Pearl S. Buck traces the whole cycle of life: its terrors, its passions, its ambitions and rewards. This is the story of China, when the last emperor reigned and the vast political and social upheavals of the twentieth century were but distant rumblings for the ordinary people, and the honest farmer Wang Lung and his selfless wife O-lan.

Literary and Visual Arts

Waldorf Book Discussion Groups

The Adult Book Discussion Group meets on the first Saturday of every month from 9:30 - 10:30 am. Anyone interested in joining the Waldorf Book Discussion group can call 301-645-2864 or email us with your library card number and we will place a copy of the book on reserve for you.



June 1: *The Thirteenth Tale* by Diane Setterfield. Reclusive author Vida Winter, famous for her collection of twelve enchanting stories, has spent the past six decades penning a series of alternate lives for herself. Now old and ailing, she is ready to reveal the truth about her extraordinary existence and the violent and tragic past she has kept secret for so long. Calling on

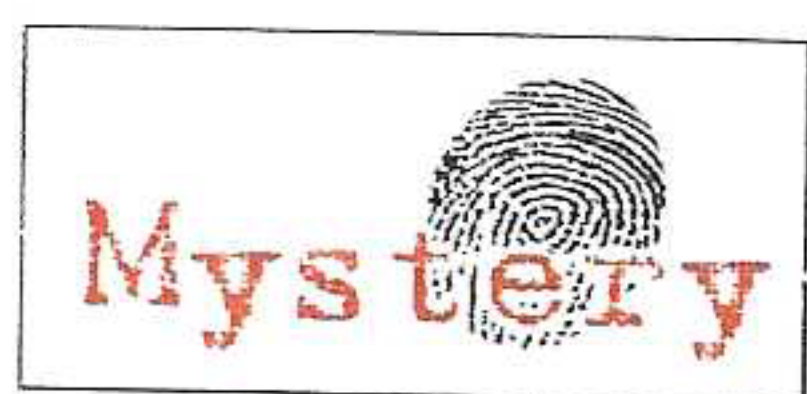
Margaret Lea, a young biographer troubled by her own painful history, Vida disinters the life she meant to bury for good. Margaret is mesmerized by the author's tale of gothic strangeness - featuring the beautiful and willful Isabelle, the feral twins Adeline and Emmeline, a ghost, a governess, a topiary garden and a devastating fire. Together, Margaret and Vida confront the ghosts that have haunted them while becoming, finally, transformed by the truth themselves.

The Jane Austen Book Club

This club meets six times a year on the last Tuesday of the month from 6:30 - 7:30 pm. Anyone interested in joining the Jane Austen Book Club can call 301-645-2864 or email us with your library card number and we will place a copy of the book on reserve for you. Please check with the P.D. Brown Library to see the upcoming dates for The Jane Austen Book Club!



P.D. Brown Memorial Branch Mystery Genre Book Club



NEW! Mystery Book Club, Wednesday, May 15, 6:00 - 7:30 pm. Ages 16 years and up. Drop in. Do you love mysteries? Come discuss mysteries with us! Talk about your favorite mysteries with other mystery lovers. There

are no book assignments, just good conversation! We meet every other month on the third Wednesday of the month. For more information, call 301-645-2864.

Ann Maggi Memorial Exhibit at Civista Medical Center Gallery Through May 2013



The Charles County Arts Alliance presents a special memorial exhibit showcasing the artwork of the late Ann Maggi at the Civista Medical Center Gallery in La Plata. The show will run through the end of May.

Maggi, who passed away a year ago, left behind a wealth of paintings - a small sample of which now hangs in the gallery located off just off the main lobby of the La Plata hospital. Maggi had a special connection to the hospital, having been a nurse for more than 25 years at Civista.

In addition to being a visual artist, Maggie was a talented writer, actor, and singer. Her love of music came through her Irish parents who sang the old ballads, which she joined in on, imbuing her poetry with the same rhythm, humor, and longing. Her book, a compilation of hers and her sister's poetry title "The Moriarity Sisters." She shared her vocal and acting talents with the Port Tobacco Players, performing in their road show, "The Comedy of Broadway." In 2006, she was chosen as Charles County's Senior Idol winner, and she went on to be the second place winner of Senior Idol for Maryland.

A group of Maggi's friends - Pat McConkey, Lynette Smoot, Judy Durner, Kathy Keough, and Diane Kenney - presented the idea to the Arts Alliance for the exhibit.

Proceeds from the sale of any of the displayed artworks will be donated to Maggi's favorite charity, The Sisters of Mt. Carmel.

For more information, visit www.charlescountyarts.org.

Spring 2013 at Mattawoman Creek Art Center



Mattawoman Creek
Art Center, Marbury

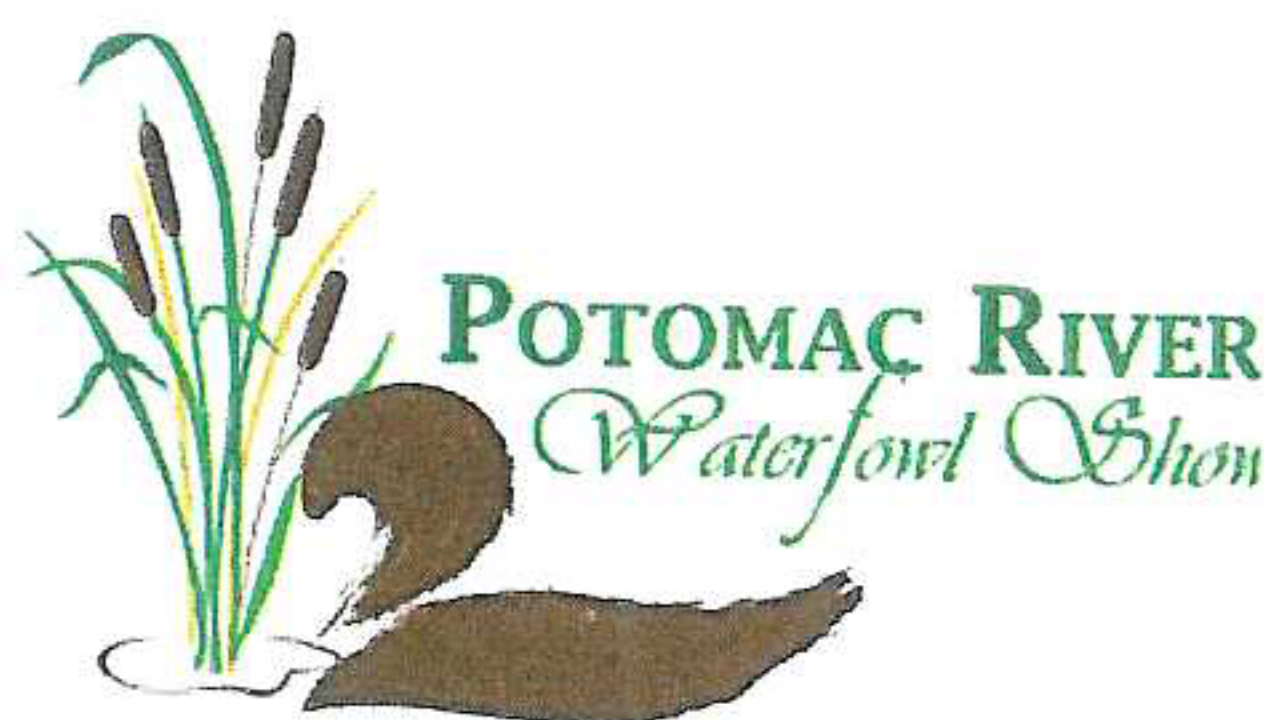
Open Studio on Fridays (now through May 24, 11:00 am - 3:00 pm) is an opportunity for you to join others who like to create, whether it be painting, drawing, photography, sculpting, knitting, quilting, etc. Bring your own materials and your lunch. Share your ideas and techniques. Open Studio will resume June 7 to August 30. Free.

Another Approach to Pastels. Tuesdays, beginning June 11, from 10:00 am - 3:00 pm. Fee \$40 members/\$50 nonmembers, materials fee \$3. This workshop offers instruction in the use of large, soft pastels and charcoal pencils to develop still life images on black Canson paper.

MCAC is located 35 miles south of Washington, DC, inside Smallwood State Park, in Marbury. Park fee is waived for MCAC visitors. See individual events for dates and times.

For more information, visit www.mattawomanart.org.

Potomac River Waterfowl Show May 24 - 25, 2013



Potomac Waterfowl Show, St. Mary's County Fairgrounds, Leonardtown, Maryland

Come out and watch the wild come to life as award-winning artists showcase their world class wildlife art, and hand-carved decoys at the Community Foundation of Southern Maryland's 7th Annual Potomac River Waterfowl Show. The Community Foundation of Southern Maryland is delighted to honor Tommy Deagle, as the 2013 Potomac River Waterfowl Show Honorary Chairperson. His hand-carved decoys have made him a local legend.

Friday, May 24 - Reception and Dinner, 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm. \$50 tickets must be purchased in advance.

Saturday, May 25 - Waterfowl Show, 10:00 am - 4:00 pm. Admission is \$5 per person; children 12 and under are free.

For more information, call Gretchen Heinze Hardman at 301-885-0108, email gretchen@cfsomd.org or go to <http://www.cfsomd.org/index.html>.



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- 20% off regular prices at Hot Licks Guitar Shop in Waldorf
- 10% off custom framing at Bernie's Frame Shop in La Plata

- \$1 discount for each ticket purchased for Port Tobacco Players theatrical productions
- \$1 discount for tickets to Southern Maryland Concert Band concerts
- CCAA voting privileges
- And most importantly, the satisfaction that comes from actively supporting the arts in Charles County!

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CCAA Membership Form



The mission of the Charles County Arts Alliance is to stimulate, promote, encourage and provide recognition of the arts and the creative spirit in Charles County, MD.

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- ☐ Platinum Circle - \$500
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Master Calendar FY 2013

2012

- ☒ Sat, Jul 14, 10:00 am – 12:00 pm
Board Meeting
United Way, La Plata
- ☒ Sat, Aug 4, 9:00 am – 4:00 noon
CCAA Summer Board Retreat
United Way, La Plata
- ☒ Sat, Sep 8, 10:00 am – 12:00 noon
Board Meeting
United Way, La Plata
- ☒ Wed-Sun, Sep 12-16
Charles County Fair (supervise Fine Arts Building)
Charles County Fairgrounds
- ☒ Sun, Sep 16, 4:00 pm
25th Anniversary Celebration / "Hands Across the Fair"
Charles County Fairgrounds
- ☒ Sat, Oct 18, 1:00 – 5:00 pm
CCAA Grant Committee Meeting
United Way, La Plata
- ☒ Sun, Oct 21, 12:00 – 4:00 pm
La Plata Fall Festival
La Plata Town Hall
- ☒ Thur, Oct 31, 7:00 – 9:00 pm
Board Meeting
United Way, La Plata
- ☒ Sat, Nov 1, 10:00 am – 12:00 noon
Board Meeting
United Way, La Plata
- ☒ Tue, Nov 13, 2:00 pm
Waldorf West Library & CCAA Gallery Grand Opening
Waldorf West Library
- ☒ Fri, Nov 16, 7:30 – 8:00 pm
Board Meeting
Old Waldorf School
- ☒ Sat, Nov 17, 7:00 – 11:00 pm
CCAA 25th Anniversary Gala & Grantee Reception
Old Waldorf School
- ☒ Sat, Dec 8, 10:00 am – 12:00 noon
Board Meeting
United Way, La Plata

2013

- ☒ Sat, Jan 12, 10:00 am – 12:00 noon
Board Meeting
United Way, La Plata
- ☒ Sat, Feb 9, 9:30 am – 4:00 pm
CCAA Board Midwinter Retreat
Solomons Landing, Solomons
- ☒ Wed, Feb 20, 8:15 am – 2:00 pm
Maryland Arts Day
Miller Senate Building, Annapolis
- ☒ Thur, Mar 7, 7:00 – 8:30 pm
Volunteer Fair
North Point High School, Waldorf
- ☒ Fri, Mar 8, 8:00 – 2:30 pm
Third Annual Southern Maryland Nonprofit Conference
College of Southern Maryland, La Plata
- ☒ Sat, Mar 9, 10:00 am – 12:00 noon
Board Meeting
United Way, La Plata
- ☒ Sat, Apr 13, 10:00 am – 12:00 noon
Board Meeting
United Way, La Plata
- ☒ Sat, Apr 27, 12:00 noon – 4:00 pm
Celebrate La Plata Day
La Plata Town Hall
- ☒ Sat, May 4, 1:00 – 3:00 pm
CCAA Annual Business Meeting/Membership Reception
Waldorf West Library - Main Gallery
- ☒ Sat, May 4, 3:00 – 5:00 pm
"Meet the Artists" Reception
Waldorf West Library - Main Gallery
- ☐ Sat, May 18, 10:00 am – 12:00 pm
Board Meeting
United Way, La Plata
- ☐ Thurs, June 6, 7:00 – 9:00 pm
Board Meeting
La Plata Town Hall
- ☐ Sat, June 8, 12:00 – 6:00 pm
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